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The Honorable Vernon Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Re STB Docket No. AB-1011X, Northern Lines Railway, LLC –  
Discontinuance of Service Exemption – In Stearns County,  
Minnesota

Dear Secretary Williams:

Northern Lines Railway, LLC ("NLR"), hereby notifies the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") that on August 6, 2007, NLR consummated the discontinuance of service over the line of railroad located between milepost 16.21 and milepost 16.98, near Cold Spring, in Stearns County, MN. The discontinuance of service was authorized by the Board by decision served June 6, 2007.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Sincerely,

Karl Morell

Enclosures

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
Minnesota Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Attn STB Ex Parte No 670  
395 E Street, S W  
Washington, D C 20423-0001

Re Ex Parte No 670, Establishment of the Rail  
Energy Transportation Advisory Committee

Dear Secretary Williams

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) recommends Duane L Richards to serve as a cooperative representative on the proposed Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), as announced in the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) recent decision of July 17, 2007

The Board is looking to the RETAC to serve as a forum for discussions on issues related to the transportation by rail of energy resources. Mr. Richards is the CEO of Western Fuels Association, Inc., a non-profit fuel supply cooperative formed in 1976 as the Nation's first fuel supply cooperative. Western Fuel represents 21 consumer-owned utilities, and is dedicated to assist its members in obtaining coal and coal transportation at reasonably delivered prices.

Mr. Richards is well qualified to be a member of the RETAC. He has a lengthy background and knowledge of rail transportation issues, with more than 20 years' experience, the last three as CEO of the Western Fuels Association. Mr. Richards would bring to RETAC an experienced perspective because of his long experience and should be of immense value in helping the Board to bring about effective railroad regulatory policies and oversight.

NRECA is the national service organizations representing the 930 non-profit rural electric utilities providing central station electricity to more than 40 million consumer-owners in 47 states.

I recommend Mr. Richards to the Board's favorable consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Glenn English  
CEO  
NRECA